# **SENATE BILL No. 198**

## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 12-24.

**Synopsis:** Charges at state mental health institutions. Changes the way charges are set at state mental health institutions. Repeals provisions concerning the per capita cost of treatment at state mental health institutions and the per capita cost of outpatient services.

Effective: Upon passage.

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January 8, 2007, read first time and referred to Committee on Health and Provider Services.



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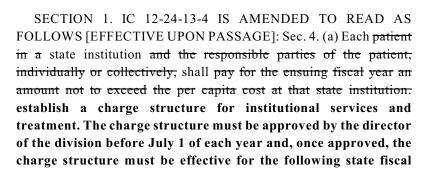
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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning human services.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:



(b) Except as provided in section 5 of this chapter, each patient in a state institution and the responsible parties, individually or collectively, are liable for the payment of the cost of charges for the treatment and maintenance of the patient.

SECTION 2. IC 12-24-13-7 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 7. If a patient in a state institution has insurance coverage that covers hospitalization or









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medical services in psychiatric hospitals, all benefits under the insurance coverage in an amount not to exceed the cost of treatment and maintenance of the patient, shall be assigned to the appropriate division.

SECTION 3. IC 12-24-13-10 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 10. The appropriate division shall issue to any party liable under this chapter for any type of psychiatric service statements of sums due as maintenance charges. The division shall require the liable party to pay monthly, quarterly, or otherwise as may be arranged an amount not exceeding the maximum cost charge as determined under this chapter.

SECTION 4. IC 12-24-13-11 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 11. The estate of a patient who receives care, treatment, maintenance, or any other service furnished by the division at the state's expense is liable for payment of the cost of the charges as determined under this chapter for the service. The estate is exempt from the requirements of section 10 of this chapter or any part of this chapter directly in conflict with the intent of the chapter to hold a patient's estate liable for payment.

SECTION 5. IC 12-24-14-2 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 2. The billing and collection of maintenance expenses charges under this article shall be made by the division or a unit of the division designated by the director.

SECTION 6. THE FOLLOWING ARE REPEALED [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: IC 12-24-13-3; IC 12-24-13-8; IC 12-24-13-9.

SECTION 7. An emergency is declared for this act.



